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Army Coach Profile: Staff Sergeant (P) Basheer Abdullah



**Head Boxing
Coach**

Date of birth:
October 12, 1962

Hometown:
St. Louis, Missouri

Military Occupation:
Light-wheel
vehicle mechanic

Military Rank:
Staff Sergeant/E-6

Staff Sgt. (P) Basheer Abdullah, head coach of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program boxing team at Fort Carson, Colo., will serve as head coach of Team USA's boxers in the 2004 Olympic Games at Athens, Greece.

Staff Sgt. Abdullah was an Army WCAP boxer before becoming a coach. He retired from the ring ranked No. 3 in his weight class by USA Boxing. Abdullah was the technical coach for the U.S. Olympic Boxing team in the 2000 Summer Games at Sydney, Australia.

In 2003, he led the All-Army team to one international medal, five national medals and 37 medals from other competitions. He also served as an assistant coach for Team USA in the 2003 Pan American Games at Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Selected as 2002 Coach of the Year by USA Boxing, Abdullah has enjoyed great coaching success. With four medals from the 2002 National Ringside Championships and nine medals from the 2002 National Police Athletic League Championships, he is setting the standard for all participants in the boxing arena.

A light-wheel vehicle mechanic, Staff Sgt. Abdullah entered the Army Nov. 28, 1984. He completed basic training in March 1985 and completed advanced individual training in June 1985, both at Fort Knox, Ky. He's a graduate of Army Airborne School (September 1987); Primary Leadership Development Course (1988); Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (December 1996); and Master Fitness Training (August 2001).

Abdullah says he joined the Army because "I needed a change in my life. The World Class Athlete Program is important to me because it provides me with the best opportunity to reach my goals, both as a soldier and an athlete. I love to help athletes perform at their best, and boxing develops disciplines that can be used in every aspect of life."

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